

Culpeppers

in

Texas

&
ARKANSAS

ADDENDA

On August 31, 1997, I visited Sweethome, Texas in an effort to see if I could locate any relatives and to take a look at the country.

I was not able to locate any Culpeppers in Lavaca County, in none of the telephone directories or by word of mouth. No one I contacted had even heard of the Culpeppers living in the area. As it was on Sunday, no visit could be made to the courthouse to see any records.

After much driving and question asking I did locate the Mt. Olive cemetery. It was grown up with tall grass and was a rather large plot. Toward the front there was a large sign that read: Mt. Olive Cemetery. In front of this sign there was a granite marker with the below inscription:

FRANCIS G. CULPEPPER

Born Jan. 31, 1804

Died Oct. 21, 1903

Came to Texas in 1851 with his wife and 16 children, also brought a colony.

He was Primitive Baptist, a decendant of LORD CULPEPPER of England and an outstanding citizen of Lavaca County.

Further back in the cemetery under cedar trees I found some markers that were inscribed:

Father

F. G. Culpepper

Jan. 31, 1804

Oct. 21, 1903

Mother

Eglantine

April , 1810

April 3, 1878

Mary Ivy Culpepper

Born AD 1839 Died AD 1861

W. R. Culpepper
B. 1857 D. 1861

William C. Culpepper
B. 1836 D. 1854

Little Robert Ray Culpepper
B. Sept 6, 1896 D. April 7, 1897

Iron Fence surrounds:

George Culpepper
B. Jan. 19, 1881
D. Mar 12, 1893

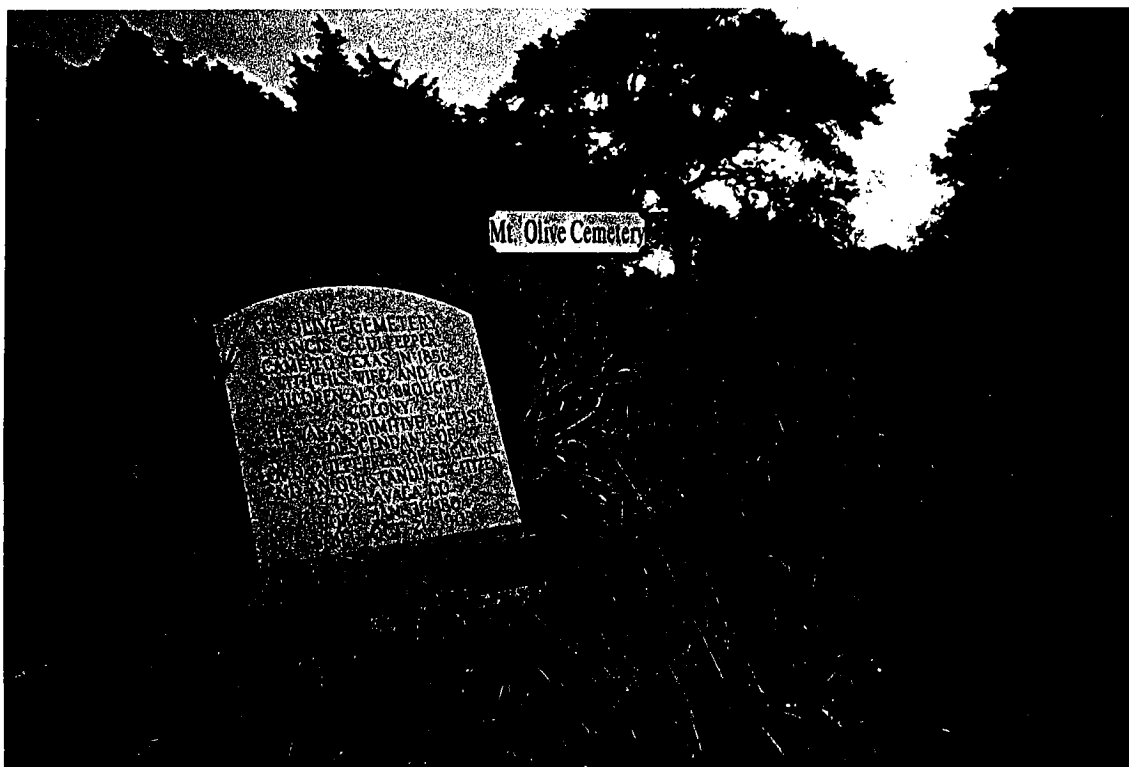
Lea Culpepper
April 27, 1879
Mar. 24, 1898

Wood fence surrounds:

Orthie, wife of J. A. J. Culpepper Born Sept 10, 1841
died Sept. 7, 1881

J. A. J. Culpepper
Born Aug. 9, 1827 Died August 1902

Other family names in the cemetery were: McElroy, Farmer,
Tolbert, Clifton, Guthrie, Helms, Cordaft, Ellis. There are others,
but the markers are very hard to read.



There seems to had been a large group of people from Czechoslovakia that came into the area about 1880. Most of the citizens have names foreign to us in the Southern culture. I could not find even one Baptist church in the county, however this not to say that there are some. There seems to be a strong Catholic influence there, from the appearance of the churchs and schools.

From information gained, the town of Sweethome has been moved about five miles South of its original location. This was to locate it along the railroad that came into the area as progress developed. I visited this small town, which interesting to look at.

was

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CULPEPPERS in
Texas and Arkansas

This was given to my sister by a
friend named Culpepper that lived
in Little Rock, Arkansas

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Mrs. Frank

A BRIEF GIST

of the

History of the

CULPEPPER FAMILY

from

1475 to the Present

*Noted
This family
has been in the
South since 1700
and will have
been here for
over 200 years
and more.*

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Preface

Although we know there is nothing in the name, yet we also know that many names have come to mean a great deal because of the integrity and character of the man who bore it. From a study of the name of Culpepper, I have come to appreciate the character and moral standard of the men who have borne the name for the past five hundred years. According to the records found in English history from 1475 down to 1775 the men who bore the name of Culpepper were famed for their integrity and hard work. For the most part they were well educated, having attended Oxford and other institutions of higher learning. Most of them while associated with and in many cases connected with kings and princes, yet they held on to and took the part of the common people. They stood for the sturdy, honest, rugged life of the common people. They believed in and practiced honesty and hard work, and in paying their debts. They also took the part of the oppressed and underprivileged.

They were also pioneers in spirit. When the western world began to develop they organized the Virginia Company and later succeeded in getting a grant of land from the King. While in some cases there were a few of them who took advantage of their wealth and prestige to gain unwholesome positions, yet the main group of them shunned such action and held high their name for sincerity and truth.

Early in the history of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and Alabama we find them among the hard working pioneers. They raised large families and were among the leaders of their communities. Our great grandfather, John William Culpepper seems to have been the culmination of all the fine qualities of the preceding ancestors. He married into a very noble family from Boston, taking as his wife Nancy Gillispie whose mother was a Peck. They began their family in Virginia where our grandfather Francis Gillispie Culpepper was born. When he was only a few years old his father and mother moved to South Carolina where he grew to young manhood in a rugged pioneer surrounding. He seems also to have inherited all the sturdy character and moral habits of his father and other ancestors. Our great grandfather John William and our grandfather Francis Gillispie each had large families of 10 and 16 children, respectively. Both of them and their families were well known for their moral character and personal integrity. The Shiner Gazette says, "No one ever heard of a Culpepper who was dishonest or failing to pay his debts."

Let us who are of later generations remember these fine moral characteristics of our forebearers and try to live worthy of the name which they have left us.

C. L. Culpepper
Grandson of
Francis Gillispie Culpepper

Coat of Arms

Historiography



Culpepper

The Culpepper Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in an- in Burke's General Armory. Documentation for the Culpepper Coat of Arms design can be found language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Ar. a bend engr. gu."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"A falcon wings expanded ar. beaked and belled or."

When translated the blazon also describes the original colors of the Culpepper Arms and Crest as it appeared centuries ago.

Family mottoes are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times.

A Motto was not recorded with this Culpepper Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification.

The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's

name, or personal characteristics. The surname Culpepper appears to be occupational in

origin, and is believed to be associated with the meaning, "one who gathered pepper; a

spicer." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give

you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different

spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries

of surnames indicate probable spelling variations of Culpepper to be Colepepper.

Although bearers of the old and distinguished Culpepper name comprise a small

fraction of the population there are a number who have established for it a significant

place in history. They include: JOHN CULPEPPER (fl. 1670) English surveyor and political

leader in the Carolina's. In 1671, he was appointed Surveyor-General of the Colony, and

was its Governor from 1677 to 1679. In 1680, he made a rough plan for laying out the

City of Charleston. NICHOLAS CULPEPPER (1616-1654) English astrologer who published,

besides other works, "The English Physician", in 1652 which passed through many editions.

THOMAS CULPEPPER (1635-1689) From 1680 to 1683, he was the Governor of Virginia and was

the one person to whom King Charles the Second granted the Territory of Virginia, about

1673. JOHN CULPEPPER (1761-1841) Minister of the Baptist Church. He was a distinguished

member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1807-1809; 1813-1817; 1819-1821; 1823-1825;

and, 1827-1829). EDWIN MURPHY CULPEPPER (b. 1911) Superintendent of Schools in South

Carolina between 1947 and 1951. SAMPSON CULPEPPER (1740-1820) Private from South Carolina

who served with distinction during the Revolutionary War.

No genealogical representation is intended or implied by this report and it does not

represent individual lineage or your family tree.



THE WIGSELL CULPEPERS OF SUSS ENGLAND.

Walter Culpeper 1475-1515
He took over the ancient Culpeper inheritance of Wigsell

William Culpeper 1509-1559

John Culpeper 1530-1612

THE CULPEPERS WHO
SECURED A GRANT OF
LAND IN VIRGINIA IN
1649

Thomas Culpeper,
1561-1613, A member of
the Virginia Co.
1609-1613,

John Culpeper, 1565-1635,
A member of the Virginia
Company, 1609-1625,

Alexander
Culpeper,
1570-1645

John Culpeper,
1600-1660, Created
Lord, Member of Va.
Company,

Thomas Culpeper, 1602-1652
One seventh owner of the
Northern Neck Va. Emigrated
to Virginia 1649.

John Culpeper
1606-1674

Lord Thomas Culpeper
1635-1689, Governor of
Va. 1677-83, Owner of
Northern Neck, Sur-
rendered to King.

Alexander
Culpeper,
1629-1694

Anne
Culpeper
1630-1695

John Earlow
Culpeper, 1633-1680,
"Carolina Rebel", We
probably came from him.

Frances
Culpeper
1634-1690

Catherine Culpeper,
1670-1719, Only heir
of Lord Culpeper, Mar-
ried Lord Thomas Fair-
fax.

Thomas F. Culpeper, 1660-1724
Born in N.C., Named for Lord Cul-
peper. Sent to England to School.
Married Sarah Ray. Returned to
Va. Secy. to Lord Culpeper.

Thomas Fairfax,
1693-1781

Sam Low Culpepper 1692-1784.
Mgr. Va. estate of Lord Fairfax.
He married a very beautiful Indian
princess who bore him eleven
children.

John Culpepper, 1749-
Heir with brother of ten thousand
acres of land in Va.

Alfred Culpepper

John-William Culpepper, 1785-
1855, Father of Frances

Benjamin
Culpepper

Joseph
Culpepper

CULPEPPER GENEALOGY

John William Culpepper and Nancy Gillespie Culpepper,

First and second generation

1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Frances Gillespie Culpepper, Born Jan. 31st, 1804, and Eglantine Langley,	(1) Daniel Culpepper, Dec. 5th, 1825									
	(2) John Thomas Jefferson Culpepper Aug. 9th, 1827,									
	(3) William R. Culpepper, Mar. 11th, 1829,	Daniel Culpepper	Joel Culpepper,	Louis P. Culpepper,	George Washington Culpepper,	William Culpepper,	Jefferson Culpepper,	John Culpepper,	Sarah Culpepper,	Elizabeth Culpepper,
	(4) Joel W. Culpepper, Feb. 28th, 1830,									
	(5) Martha A. E. Culpepper, Feb. 29th, 1832,									
	(6) James L. Culpepper, July 28th, 1833,									
	(7) Shadrack Culpepper, Oct. 17th, 1834,									
	(8) Benjamin Culpepper, Jan. 2nd, 1836,									
	(9) Nancy O. Culpepper, July...1837,									
	(10) Sarah M. Culpepper, Sept. 1st, 1839,									
	(11) Cynthia Culpepper, Winter, 1841,									
	(12) Amanda Culpepper, Jan.....1843,									
	(13) Mary Frances Culpepper, Jan...1845,									
	(14) Susan Melvina Culpepper, Dec..1846,									
	(15) Salina Culpepper, June.....1848,									
	(16) Georgia T. Culpepper, Mar. 21st, 1851									

THE GENEALOGY OF FRANCIS G. CULPEPPER, and
Wife, Ezlantine Langley Culpepper,

1. Daniel Culpepper, Dec. 5th 1825,
2. John Thomas Jefferson Culpepper, Aug. 9th. 1827.
3. William R. Culpepper, March 11th. 1829,
4. Joel W. Culpepper, Feb. 28th 1830,
5. Marth A. E. Culpepper, Feb. 29th 1832.
6. James L. Culpepper, July 28th. 1833,
7. Shadrack Culpepper, October 17th 1834,
8. Benjamine Culpepper, Jan. 2nd, 1836. X
9. Nancy O. Culpepper, July 1837,
10. Sarah M. Culpepper Sept. 1st. 1839,
11. Cynthia Culpepper, winter 1841.
12. Amanda Culpepper, Jan. 1843,
13. Mary Frances Culpepper, Jany. 1845,
14. Susan Melvina Culpepper, Dec. 1846,
15. Salina Culpepper, June 1848,
16. Georgia T. Culpepper, Mar. 21st 1851,

The Genealogy of Daniel Culpepper and
 Wife Cynthia Berger

- (1) W.R. Culpepper,
- (2) Martha Ann Culpepper,
- (3) James M. Culpepper,
- (4) Mary Ann Culpepper,
- (5) Tiny Culpepper,
- (6) Bea Culpepper,
- (7) Minnie Culpepper,
- (8) Ira Culpepper,

(Please send in the succeeding generations)

The Genealogy of John Thomas Jefferson Culpepper, and
 Wife, Cynthia Ann Guthrie Culpepper, and
 Second Wife, Mary Carrie Curington Culpepper,

Children by first wife.

- (1) Frank Uglethorpe Culpepper, Mar. 10th, 1850
- (2) Benjamine F. Culpepper, Oct. 5th. 1858,
- (3) Joseph W. Culpepper, Jan. 30, 1861
- (4) Eliza J. Culpepper, Jan. 30, 1861
- (5) Cynthia A. Culpper, Feb. 11th 1863,
- (6) Daniel B. Culpepper, May 25th 1866,
- (7) William G. Culpepper, June 12th. 1868,
- (8) Katie B. Culpepper, Sept 4th 1869,
- (9) Robert L. Culpepper, Mar. 24th:1872
- (10) Noah Culpepper, Apr. 29th. 1875
- (11) James L. Culpepper, Jan 4th. 1877
- (12) Hattie L. Culpepper, Mar. 30th 1879
- (13) Little John Culpepper, Sept 1881,

Children by second wife

- (14) John Thomas Jefferson Culpepper Jr. June 11th 1883
- (15) Rebecca A. Culpepper, Sept. 18, 1884.
- (16) Nancy E. Culpepper, Apr. 1st. 1886,
- (17) Martha A. Culpepper, May 19th, 1890,
- (18) Ruth C. Culpepper, Feb. 18th 1893,
- (19) Charles Lee Culpepper, Mar. 10th 1895,
- (20) Samuel Houston Culpepper, Apr. 28th 1897,
- (21) Terry Wheeler Culpepper, June 5th, 1900

The Genealogy of Frank O. Culpepper and
 wife, Jennie Richardson Culpepper,
 date

- ((1)) Cornelius Culpepper,
- ((2)) Viola Culpepper,
- ((3)) John Culpepper,
- ((4)) Ivan Culpepper,
- ((5)) Cora Culpepper,
- ((6)) Lois Culpepper,
- ((7)) Lola Culpepper,

(Please complete the genealogy of Frank O. and Jennie R. Culpepper)

The Genealogy of Benjamin F. Culpepper and
 wife, Johnnie Culpepper,
 No Children.

The Genealogy of Joseph W. Culpepper and
 wife, Alice C. Culpepper,
 date of birth date of death

- ((1)) Dudley Culpepper,
- ((2)) Ima Culpepper,
- ((3)) Eula Culpepper,
- ((4)) Sula Culpepper,
- ((5)) Bartley Culpepper,

(Please complete the genealogy of Joseph and Alice Culpepper)

The Genealogy of Eliza Jane Culpepper and
 Husband, James A. Richardson,

Children Date of Birth Date of Death

- ((1)) William Richardson,
- ((2)) Monrelyn T. Richardson,
- ((3)) Clarence A. Richardson,
- ((4)) David Richardson,
- ((5)) Ara Richardson,
- ((6)) Alice Richardson,
- ((7)) John I. Richardson,
- ((8)) Iva Richardson,
- ((9)) Frank Richardson
- ((10)) Mae Richardson,

(Please complete the genealogy of James A and Eliza Richardson)

The Genealogy of Cynthia A. Culpepper and
 Husband Robert S. Walker.

Children, Date of Birth Date of Death

- ((1)) Benjamin Walker,
- ((2)) Minnie Walker,
- ((3)) Hattie Walker,
- ((4)) Luther Walker,
- ((5)) Stanley Walker,

Please complete the genealogy of R.S. and Cynthia Walker

The Genealogy of Daniel Culpepper--(Died at age of 17.)

The Genealogy of William G. Culpepper, and
 wife, Anna Lee Standard, and second wife Laura----
 No Children

(JTJC continued)

The genealogy of Katie B. Culpepper, and husband
Fred Conner.

- ((1)) Robbie Conner,
- ((2)) Alma Conner,
- ((3)) Jim Conner,
- ((4)) Gertrude Conner,
- ((5)) Preston Conner,

(Please complete the genealogy of Fred and Katie Conner,)
The genealogy of Robert L. Culpepper, and wife,
Mae Middlebrooks.

- ((1)) Lorada Culpepper,
- ((2)) Leora Culpepper,
- ((3)) -----(Sister)Culpepper
- ((4)) Jack Culpepper,
- ((5)) -----Culpepper,

(Please complete the genealogy of R.L. and Mae Culpepper,)
The genealogy of Noah Culpepper and wife,
Sophie-----

- ((1)) Grace Culpepper,
- ((2)) ----- Culpepper,
- ((3)) ----- Culpepper,
- ((4)) ----- Culpepper,
- ((5)) ----- Culpepper,

(Please complete the genealogy of Noah and Sophie Culpepper)
The genealogy of James L. Culpepper, and wife
Ollie Dykes,

- ((1)) Clyde Culpepper,
- ((2)) Bertie Culpepper,
- ((3)) J. T. Culpepper,
- ((4)) Katherine Culpepper,
- ((5)) Byne Culpepper,

(Please complete the genealogy of James and Ollie Culpepper,)
The genealogy of Hattie L. Culpepper, and husband
Robert N. Key,

(No Children)

The genealogy of John Culpepper, (died in infancy)
The genealogy of John Thomas Jefferson Culpepper Jr. and wife,
Elizabeth Yahn,

- ((1)) John Culpepper,
- ((2)) Nora Mae Culpepper, m. 2nd. m.
(((1))) John Alton,

(Please complete the genealogy of J.T.J. and Elizabeth
Culpepper) The genealogy of Rebecca A. Culpepper, and husband,
Charles Patton,

- ((1)) Althea Louise Patton, m. Jimmie Cordell, (((1))) Jimmie
- ((2)) Melvin Earl Patton, M. -----(((1)))-----(((2)))---(((3)))---
(((4)))--

- ((3)) Ray Patton, M. Earl Bryan, (((1))) Beeby Ray, m. Jack Meyers.
(((2))) Parnell Bryan

((4)) Vergil Patton, ((5)) Charlie Patton, ((6)) Francis Patton,
((7)) Hershell Patton, (Please complete the genealogy of Rebecca &
Charles Patton) The genealogy of Nancy Eglantine Culpepper, &
husband C. W. Spencer

- ((1)) John Spencer, (Died in infancy) ((2)) Lucile Spencer, M. Dale
Ingram, (((1))) John Dale Ingram, (((1))) --(((2))) --
- ((3)) Richard L. Spencer

(JTJC continued)

- ((1)) John Spencer (died in infancy)
((2)) Lucile Spencer m. Dale Ingram ((1)) John Dale Ingram ((1)) ---
((3)) Richard L. Spencer
The genealogy of Martha A. Culpepper, and husband, R. Marshall
Hunt.
((1)) Justin Truett Hunt, M. Ann Gibson, ((1)) Truett Lee, ((2)) Marcia
((3)) Margaret,
((2)) Mary Beth Hunt, M. John M. Mills, ((1)) John Marshall, ((2))
Heather Jean
((3)) David Hunt, M. Clara Mae --- ((1)) Dale, ((2)) Bill, ((3)) Susan

The genealogy of Ruth Cleveland Culpepper, and Husband, Eugene
Cox. m. ((1)) --- ((2))

- ((1)) Annie Margaret Cox, m. Orvil Ramsey, ((1)) Broadus ((2)) Susan, m.
((1))
((2)) Opal Cox; m. M. R. Lawson ((1)) Gordon, m. --- ((1)), ((2)) ---
((3)) Eugenia Cox, (Died at the age of about 15)
((4)) Rena Cox, m. Walter Otto, ((1)) --- ((2))
((5)) Faye Dora Cox, m. --- Stark ((1)) Allen ((2)) Vickie
((6)) Nancy Cox, m. Gene Reynolds ((1)) --- ((2)) --- ((3)) ---
((7)) Patty Cox, m. Welby Griffin ((1)) --- ((2)) ---
Second marriage, Bennett Hunt (No Children)
(Please complete the genealogy of Ruth and Eugene Cox)

The genealogy of Charles Lee Culpepper, and wife Ola Lane.

- ((1)) Charles Lee Culpepper Jr. m. Donald Jones ((1)) Thomas Scott
((2)) Carolyn Louise ((3)) Richard Lane ((4)) Catherine Lee
((2)) Carolyn Culpepper (Died at the age of four years)
((3)) Mary Frances Culpepper m. W. L. Walker ((1)) Carol ((2)) William
L. ((3)) Charles Culpepper

The genealogy of Samuel H. Culpepper and wife Radie Donahoe.

- ((1)) Clarice Culpepper
((2)) Radie Jane Culpepper m. Boiese Whitcome ((1)) Marion (adopted)
((3)) Samuel Culpepper (died at about 12 years old)
((4)) Coleene Culpepper m. --- ((1)) --- ((2)) ---
((5)) Daniel Culpepper m. --- ((1)) --- ((2)) ---
((6)) Byrle Culpepper m. ---

Please complete the genealogy of Samuel and Radie Culpepper

The genealogy of Terry Wheeler Culpepper (died at the age of 3)

The genealogy of William R. Culpepper, and wife, Julian Ann
Haynes.

- *((1)) Sarah Ella Culpepper b. Aug. 28th 1867
*((2)) Frank Ogelthorp Culpepper, b. Sept. 24th 1869
*((3)) Abraham Culpepper b. Sept 24th 1869
*((4)) Mary Leah Culpepper b. Dec. 20th 1873
*((5)) Wade Hampton Culpepper b. Dec. 16th 1875
*((6)) Mattie Ann Julia Culpepper b. Nov. 11th 1880

The genealogy of Sarah Ella Culpepper, and husband James D.
Ragsdale

- *((1)) Raymond Ragsdale m. --- ((1)) Carol
*((2)) May Ragsdale m. ---

A BRIEF GIST OF THE HISTORY OF THE CULPEPPERS.

In 1955 when attending the Baptist World Alliance in London, my wife and I visited the London Tower. When passing through one of the old prison halls we saw many names carved in stones of the walls. Suddenly I saw this name "D.T. Culpeper 1554", "Be ye faithful unto death." I asked the guard about the history of it and he referred me to the history of that period. Since that time I have been especially interested in the connection of my forefathers with those in England. Also in going through the rooms at Mt. Vernon I saw the old deed where the Mt. Vernon land was deeded to George Washington by Lord Culpeper. I have found out since then that several of my relatives were also very much interested in getting our family history worked out. My cousin (Jesse Burke) and her husband F.L. Heard have done a great deal of research and have gathered the bulk of the material. My sister (Annie Culpepper), Mrs. R.M. Hunt, also contacted Mr. J.L. Culpepper of Meridian, Miss. and found that he had gathered much material which he kindly sent to her. Various others have also been working on this task, for instance Mr. C.V. Culpepper, my nephew, told me that he had collected some material and I am sure there are others.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Heard have turned their material over to me to try to work out some final statement, since Mr. Heard's eyes were giving him trouble. Mrs. Hunt has also offered to let me use her material in getting up this history. There is much more detail work to be done before a complete history and a full family tree can be compiled but knowing an undertaking like this takes time, and many things can happen to delay and possibly cause the work to never be finished, therefore I have decided to write a brief sketch of the material in hand and try to continue the research for a more complete work in the future. I am sure there will be a number of mistakes. I will greatly appreciate if any one who sees this record and finds a mistake or has more complete information will let me know.

As I stated above the name "Culpepper" goes far back in English history. I have not tried to trace it back very far. According to Fairfax Harrison in his article in the "Virginia Magazine, Vo. 33 No. 2, April, 1925 on "The Culpeper Genealogy" page 121, he states "there were four principal branches, (a) Bedgebury, in Kent, (b) Wigsell in Sussex, (c) Wakehurst in Sussex, and (d) Aylesford in Kent. All were prolific in Thomases and Johns, so that the student must work warily among them to avoid confusion. Our present interest is, however, confined to the second house, which, as it befell, was to become the senior line and is moreover, the only one of the four which still persists."

Mr. Harrison, continues on page 121 of the same article, "The history of the Wigsell Culpepers falls naturally into three periods; (a) Of quiet preparation for political opportunity in comparative rural seclusion, principally at Wigsell; (b) An efflorescence at Hallingbourne in the stimulating atmosphere of a community of professional and crown service families; and (c) Decay and dissolution following the Revolution of 1688.

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This statement gives a brief history of a couple of centuries. In the beginning of this period they settled down in the rural areas and worked hard. They sent their sons to Oxford and many of them became well versed in law and politics but few became professional lawyers. Many of them married into wealth and influence. "In this they were as typical of the earliest Stuart era as those sterling soldiers, the St. Legers, to whose Montish lands they succeeded were racy of Tudor times. Before the Culpepers appeared on the great scene, to participate in the government administration and serious service in both houses of parliament, they served a local apprenticeship. Facile with the pen, and persuant with the tongue, they became county leaders because they were recognized to be the embodiment of enlightened conservatism. Whether resisting the payment of ship money and the abuse of royal farms of monopolies or necessities of life or arguing for reduction of 'usuary', they were neither democrats nor fanatics, but stood resolute for ordered authority against theoretical innovations. They held with Lord Falkland that when there is not necessity for change, there is a necessity not to change."

Someone has summed up their influence as follows: "When the public opinion of Kent was finally voiced (whether fighting for the Prayer Book or against-ship money,) it coincided remarkably near the verdict of posterity. A ruling families, Fences, Wottons, Culpeppers and Dorings, represented a royalist but staunchly Protestant outlook . . . A Conservative Moderation, different entirely from the royalism of Cornwall or North."

It can be seen from the above quotations that the "Culpeppers" became quite influential in the government and with the Kings. Out of this came the formation of the Virginia Company 1609-1613, with which many of the Culpeppers were connected and finally the grant of the "Northern Neck" in Virginia and creating the First Lord Sir John Culpepper, (1600-1660). The grandfather of First Lord Culpepper, had three sons. Thomas, the father of the First Lord Culpepper, John Culpepper, (1555-1635), also a member of the Virginia Co., and Sir Alexander Culpepper.

First Lord Sir John Culpepper's son Thomas Culpepper, (1635-1689). He succeeded his father and became the Second Lord Culpepper and later Governor of Virginia, (1677-1683). He only had one child, a daughter, who married Thomas Fairfax.

It seems that the other Culpeppers of Virginia came through the second son of John Culpepper (1555-1635) of the grandfather of the First Lord Sir John Culpepper. This John Culpepper had two sons, Thomas (1602-1652) and John (1606-1674), Thomas Culpepper (1602-1652) immigrated to Virginia in 1640 the same year the Northern Neck was chartered to the Culpeppers and he became one seventh owner along with Lord Sir John Culpepper and others.

Thomas Culpepper had for heirs, Alexander (1629-1694), Anne Culpepper (1630-1695), John Culpepper (1635-1693), and Francis Culpepper (1634-1690).

It seems that our family descended from the third son, John (1635-1693) and he was also known as John Harlow (or Marlow) Culpepper, (born May 12th, 1633). He was first cousin to Lord Culpepper, Governor of Virginia. John Harlow Culpepper had four children. One of the sons was Thomas F. Culpepper, (born Nov. 20th, 1660-1724) in North Carolina. He was sent to England to school and married Sarah Ray while there. He returned to America and was for a while secretary to Lord Thomas Culpepper whom he was named. Thomas F. Culpepper was the father of two children, one of whom was Sam Low Culpepper, born July 3rd, (1692-1704). When he attained majority he became the manager of the estate of Lord Fairfax who married Catharine Culpepper, the only child of Lord Thomas Culpepper.

Sam Low Culpepper married Ruth Waters, an Indian Princess of great beauty to whom were born eleven children, one of whom was John Culpepper, born Dec. 8th, 1749-? He lived with his parents until grown when he and his brother Alfred were deeded 10,000 acres of land by Virginia. John Culpepper was the father of three children. John William Culpepper, born July 29th, 1774 in Culpepper Co., Va., He married Nancy Gillespie of Boston, a Scotch girl, (her mother was a Peck). They lived for several years on the estate inherited from his father and here, several of their children were born. Among these born at Culpepper, Va., were the eldest son Francis Gillespie Culpepper, (Frank) born Jan. 31st, 1804. John William Culpepper and his wife Nancy Gillespie Culpepper were the parents of 10 children whose names are as follows:

land for the Mt. Olive school & Primitive Baptist Church. Also la-
for a cemetery! After F.G. Culpepper had been at Sweet Home about
years he received the following letter from his father John William
Culpepper written from Randolph Co. Ala.

Dear Children;

I received your letter, dated 7th May on 13th June and was very happi-
to hear you was all well, and hope these lines may still find you
likewise. I have to inform you we are (mostly) complaining, but all
up; its common in our county for complaints. And many deaths, this
is third letter I have wrote, I have just returned from an uncommon
(Broad?) (of two months) and found many of our kin poorly.

I should have wrote sooner, but waiting to hear from them, thinking
I could give you their situation. I find all I have heard from better
but Washington's oldest daughter, left this world on Wednesday 15th,
(1852) sick two month. While gone I saw mostly our kin they are
something like old times not as much alterations as I expected but
great alterations in the country. Crops there is sorry so it is here,
but wheat is good all over. Very dry now, I have nothing more worth
noting to inform you. I am glad you are still pleased with your
country, likewise to hear your children settled near, I thought Daniel
gone. I am glad to hear of Mr. Humphries I can't get the boys to
write no how not no where. Lewis is in Pike Tebulon (?) by promise
him and wife will be here in July some others of our relations have
promised to come but are uncertain. Am trying to get more of them
here but don't know how it may turn. I am trading my blacks for land
and quit housekeeping, but I am lonesome and dissatisfied (Stile?)
but am old and can't hear makes more difficult, but thank God wore
out shoes fast and traveled all the way alone.

I wish to hear from you often but don't know how to fix it I think
the fault is in the Postmasters. Your letter lay there eleven days
You never said anything of a change in your postoffice. This letter
comes from a new name I understand it Sweet Home where I have
Directed this letter. Perhaps it would be something more satisfactory
to know where your relations are settled. Joels widow and family are
at Haralson Village Toweta, County John in Morgan. Daniel is dead
James and Caroline Talbot (yet?) John gone west. Slappy is living
with your Aunt Betsy. He is married got one child. The rest is
where you left them. I don't know anything more worth your notice.
Write soon, Long Coming.

So End.

From your father.
John Culpepper

(letter from John Culpepper).

From the time F. G. Culpepper arrived at Sweet Home, Texas, in 1851, for fifty years his family and a few others formed the nucleus of that community. The Civil war came and many hardships were suffered but the family of F. G. Culpepper grew and prospered until all his sons and daughters had homes and farms. All of them had large families. In January 1898 the Shiner, Texas, Gazette had a write up about F. G. Culpepper entitled, "The Oldest man in Lavaca County." It reads as follows:

"(The paper)"

F. G. Culpepper.
Shiner Gazette.

The Oldest man in Lavaca County.

Monday, January 31st, (1898) Frances G. Culpepper, living about six miles north of Old Sweet Home was ninety four years old. His home is with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Burke, Mrs. Burke being his daughter. He is head of all of the Culpepper family in this part of the country of Texas. The picture given above is from an old Deguerrotype taken years ago and is a faithful likeness.

Mr. Culpepper is hale and strong and anyone unacquainted with his real age would never think for a moment that he was more than sixty or seventy years old. His eyes are bright and sparkling, his voice strong, his hearing good and he really looks younger than some of his children.

He was born in Virginia, January 31st, 1804. His parents soon moved to Edgefield, South Carolina. There he grew up to manhood, working on the farm, and was married at the age of eighteen to Miss Martha Bales. She was thrown from a horse while out riding and was fatally injured. In 1823 Mr. Culpepper was married again, this time to Miss Aglantine Langley by whom he had sixteen children. His second marriage took place in Georgia where he had resided in 1823. In 1834 he removed with his family to Alabama where he resided until 1846 when he moved to La Fayette, Fayette Co. Miss, in 1851 he formed a party enroute for Texas and crossing the Mississippi at Vicksburg, he set out for Texas overland through north Louisiana.

He had been preceded to Texas by two of his sons who had settled at this present place east of where Shiner now stands. Here Mr. Culpepper together with Dr. Patton invested in some twelve hundred acres of land and has resided here in Texas ever since.

His wife died in 1878 and he has since resided with his youngest daughter Mrs. B. F. Burke. Mr. Culpepper has had sixteen children. Ten of whom are still living. They are; Daniel F., J.T.J., William R., Mrs. Martha Guthrie, James L.

Mrs Matilda Masauldin, Mrs Amanda Guthrie, Mrs Melvina Morris, Mrs Selina Guthrie, and Mrs Georgia Burke. Another daughter Mrs Mary McGinty died the 9th of last month.

Up to 1894 Frances Culpepper had one hundred and twelve grand children and seventy one great grand children, twenty-five of them were dead, at that time. Since then these figures have greatly changed especially as to the great grand children. Numbers of the grand children have married since then and the list of the great grand children has run up to about one hundred.

There have been few deaths in the family. Of the grandchildren we know of but one; that of Ben F. son of J.T.J. Culpepper one morning nearly two years ago all Lavaca county was shocked by the news that Tax Collector Ben Culpepper had killed himself at Hallettsville. Everyone mourned, for he was a general favorite and was generally spoken of as the most popular man in Lavaca County. He held the office of tax collector for years and could have held it as long as he lived. No reason has ever been assigned for his rash act.

F.O. Culpepper and family recently removed from Shiner to a distant part of the state. Harv and Lev married several years ago and are now farming in Bee County their post office address is Pettus. James L. Junior and R.L. Culpepper married about a year ago. The former is living east of town and the later near Yoakum.

The son of William R. was the last to get married. The happy event taking place about three weeks ago.

The name of Culpepper is an honorable one all through this section. Nobody ever heard of a Culpepper doing a dishonorable act. Nobody ever heard of a Culpepper that wouldn't pay his debts. It is a name to be proud of.

Frances Culpepper participated in the Creek war in Alabama his commanding officer being Captain Slaughter. He relates some thrilling stories of his early days in Georgia and Alabama. His memory is perfect and some of his experiences would make interesting reading.

His grandmother was a sister of General Oglethorpe and several of the family bear that name.

The Gazette hopes that he may live to be one hundred and indeed there seems to be no reason why he should not.

A few months after the Shiner Gazette printed the piece about F. G. Culpepper, Mr. B. F. Burke the husband of Georgia, the youngest child of F. G. Culpepper received the following letter from F. Culpeppers brother Louis P. Culpepper written from Chambers Co. Ala., March 19th. 1898.

Letter

From L. P. Culpepper (Probably Louis.) as shown in J. L. Culpeppers chart. Letter addressed to Mr. B. F. Burke, his nephew Chambers Co. Ala. 3, 19, 1898.

Mr. B. F. Burke,
Sweethome, Texas
Dear Nephew;

I have been thinking of writing to you for the twelve months after receiving one from you, in reply to one I wrote to Brother but shortly after receiving your letter I went to Georgia to visit my children and when I came back I was sick some time and one thing and another most prominent thing of all carelessness for which I offer an apology. Now a few days ago I received a letter from my daughter from McGregor, together with a line the newspaper account of brother and his family also photograph tolerable correct, historical, correct with one exception; the papers says, he was born 18106 the record says 1804? but that does not amount to anything. My sister two years older than he is living. She was 96 on Feby 1st was in her house last August. She was then very pert, but her hearing and sight were very deficient.

I saw brother Washington, last november. He was then all right, physically but had entirely lost his mind. He was 89 last December. Br. ther William was 84 last October. I was 81 last August. So we are a long life people and I have been a steady laborer all my life and have never had but very little rest, all that time, and I am reasonably strong for a man of my age, my nerves are as steady as they ever were in my life, my brother Williams nerves are completely shattered, can scarcely hold his saucer to drink his coffee, but I attribute that in a great measure to smoking, he is a inveterable smoker, but that is not all ways the cause. My oldest son was 58 years old never used tobacco any way and his nerves is completely ruined, but his health injured in the war, he looks nearly as old as I do. I ought to be thankful and proud of my family. I have raised 12 children all to be grown, two dead now, but all high grade gentlemen and ladies without a charge of anything dishonorable. Well I tried to raise them right. Well I have all ways believed that wholesome precepts and good example has a wonderful influence on posterity and we all make ourselves just what we are.

Well I want to come to see you all and I will never die satisfied unless I do come if can get some good responsible person to accompany me. I will come next fall or winter. If I were twenty years younger I would live there.

Well I will close this uninteresting letter. Hoping to hear from you soon. Let my dear grandneice to write to me. I think that I got one letter from her, she writes well. Yours lovingly and truly,

L. P. Culpepper

By 1900 the family began to break up and scatter. In 1903 Frances Gillespie Culpepper died at his home at Old Sweet Home lacking only a little over two months of being one hundred years old. He was buried in the Old Mount Olive Cemetery, land for which had been given by his third son William. Many of his family were already buried there among whom was his second son John Thomas Jefferson Culpepper who died about one year before his father and being the only one of F.G. Culpepper's children to be buried in the Old Mt. Olive Cemetery. After his death the rest of the family soon left Lavaca County and for many years following the community changed very rapidly. The old cemetery grew up in brush and weeds. Many of the tomb stones fell over and the fences around the graves rotted or rusted. A few years ago several of the grand-children and great-grand-children of F.G. Culpepper began to try to reclaim the old cemetery from ruins. The Lavaca County officials and the editor of the Lavaca County Tribune, Hallettsville, encouraged us and gave us much assistance in getting things moving to restore the cemetery.

In October 1961 several of the relatives met at the Old Mt. Olive Cemetery and agreed to do our best to clean up the grounds and enclose the cemetery land with a barbed wire fence and try to get it in somewhat more decent order. The group asked me to write letters to as many of the relatives as we could find and ask them if they cared to go in with us on the undertaking. I am happy to report that about thirty have responded and others have said they are also interested.

The grounds have been cleared off and the fence built. Also some of the tomb stones have been straightened up. It is our hope that we may have another meeting this spring at the cemetery and decide whether we can erect some kind of a memorial marker. It also seems that we should at the same time designate a committee to see that the grounds are kept up.

I have asked Mrs. F.L. Heard, (Jessie Burk) who was in the home with Grandfather Culpepper all her life until his death, to write some of her memories of him. I am going to include them in this brief history of the family.

I am also including the Culpepper genealogy as far as I have it. I hope that each family will complete yours and send me a copy. I hope that within the next few years we can get all of this information and that I or someone else will be able to write a complete history of the family. Please remember that if you find any mistakes or have any further information to let me have it.

In the year 1851, my grandfather, F. G. Culpepper came to Texas, and settled near to in Lavaca Co. about twelve miles from Hallettsville. He brought a Colony of people from the states of Virginia, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi. The only names of the people he brought that I can recall are: Dr. A. G. Patton and family, Sol West and family, the McCutcheons and the Bennets.

It must have been in the spring of 1851 when they arrived at the place he decided to settle, as I remember mama having told me that he said it was late in the afternoon when they got here, and he stopped the wagons and told the people that this was the place he wanted to make his home, so he then and there named the place Sweet Home. In later years, after the railroad came to Texas, a new Sweet Home was built five miles south of what was now old Sweet Home. Grandfather and Dr. A. G. Patton bought two sections of land between Rocky Creek and Mustang, which he later sold to his sons as they married, with the exception of that which he kept for himself. He had sixteen children, nine sons and seven daughters, of which my mother was the youngest child, having been born in a covered wagon coming from Georgia to Texas, so he named her Georgia Ann Texas Culpepper.

With the help of his older sons they built a rather large house of logs, with a double rock chimney in the center, and two large bedrooms on either side of the chimney. The bed rooms were 20x20 ft. and then two smaller bedrooms on either end of the front porch. A hallway led to the dining room and to the kitchen. This house was a story and one half, and later Grandfather covered the logs with clapboards, that is with twelve inch wide boards with slats over the perpendicular boards and painted it white, making a very nice looking house, and there is where my mother lived all her life. After I was born, and was about six years old, my father built another dining room, and made a bedroom for Sister Mattie and me out of the old dining room. This house was in a very pretty setting of large liveoak trees. There were three large liveoaks in the front of the house which faced south, two on the west side, two on northwest, and three in the backyard, and three east in the horse lot near the barns. There were three or four more southwest of the house in and near the milking pen. The odd thing about these beautiful trees was, they grew in twos or threes.

When Grandfather first came to Texas, the Indians were a constant bother and I remember my Grandfather (Daddy) as we all called him, telling how he used to take Grandmother and the children down in the field and hide them in the tall weeds to protect them when he heard that the Indians were coming. Then he and his older sons would get their guns and watch out for the Indians. They were not always hostile, sometimes only hungry, and wanted food. My brother Dick recalls Grandfather telling of one time when an Indian came and made off with his vest, (waskit) as he would have called it) so he tracked him down, took dead aim at him. Well, he got his vest back. Bro. Ben said Grandfather told of an Indian raid and following them to see where they hid or buried some gold they were said to have stolen. They did not find where, tho' it was generally supposed to have been buried on Uncle William Culpepper's place, near Rocky Creek. Ben said he and other boys had looked and dug for this gold many times without success of course.

Some years after Uncle William moved to Walnut Springs, Texas, Ben was back there disposing of the old Grandfather Culpepper homestead, as he and the man he sold to were passing Uncle William's place, that is the place he once owned, the man pointed to a pile of dirt and said, "there is where they found \$6,000 in gold when they were digging a post-hole". So it was true about the Indians having buried it. After Grandfather's death in Oct. 1903, my father, B. F. Burke bought the ancestral home from the heirs, as mother had always lived there and wanted it.

When I was growing up, after I could read well enough, Grandfather would call me and ask me to read the Bible to him. When asked where in the Bible he wanted me to read, he would say, "well read me something from Romans" or the acts of the Apostles, altho' the eighth chapter of Romans was his favorite. He was very religious, and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He built a small church house several miles west of his home, known as Mt. Olive, and this was used as a school house also.

Before the slaves were freed, they were allowed to attend church services and sit in the rear of the building. Once a month or once every three months, a Primitive Baptist preacher came to hold services Saturday and Sunday. He usually came to our house, (we lived in Grandfather's home), on Friday and then we had a service there that night. They sang, as the preacher would read out the lines from a hymnal, and then he would preach. We children would get sleepy, and mama would tell us to get up on Daddy's bed and go to sleep. Before the service was over, the bed was full of children. The next day, Saturday, there was an eleven o'clock service at the church-house, also on Sunday, but no night service those two days. The main event of the year was when they had an all day meeting, with dinner on the ground, as we called it then, and it was something to remember, with fried chicken, cakes and pies of all kinds, with jelly-cake leading all the rest as far as I was concerned. Every woman brought enough food to feed her own family, and many more. It was the best she knew how to prepare. In my minds eye, I can see the potato-salads with sliced boiled eggs on top, sometimes the egg yolks were seived in designs on top. Every kind of home-made pickles, jellies and preserves and home made bread. There were no Bakeries in those days.

Those were the "good-old days". In the summer time when it was meeting Sunday, and there was plenty of fresh corn and vegetables of all kinds also plenty of fryers, Daddy would invite as many of his friends and relatives as he wanted to for Sunday dinner, but my mother never knew how many until they all got there. Dinner lasted sometimes until four o'clock in the afternoon, and by that time we children were nearly starved, and there wasn't anything left of the fried chicken but necks and wings, but even that tasted pretty good as hungry as we were.

One thing I wanted to mention in connection with the Primitive Baptist religion is that they believed in washing each others feet, as Jesus washed his Disciples feet, and this ceremony was observed religiously.

My mother, being the youngest of sixteen children, naturally was the last one to get married, so when she and my father, Ben F. Burke married, they made their home with grandfather, and took care of him until his death, October 21st, 1903 at Old Sweet Home, Texas, at the age of 99 years, 8 months, and 21 days. He had seven sons and nine daughters. He had 366 grand children, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren at the time of his death.

His birthday was another "Red Letter day" in my memory, as mama and sister Mattie would start making cakes before hand in order to have enough for in or the crowds that came to help him celebrate his birthday which came on Jan. 31st. Of course the neices and others brought food, and many brought cakes, of which grandfather was supposed to taste of each. He had many friends in the surrounding towns of Sweet Home, Shiner, & Hallettsville, who had standing invitations to eat Birthday dinner with him, but he seldom came to the table, as he was crippled. He had a kidney shaped lab-board that he always ate on. The reason he was crippled was, he had a stallion that he rode every day to keep him gentle, so when he saddled him one day in the summer of 1881 mama said she begged him not to ride him that day as he was so unruly, but Daddy said he was going to ride him, or else" so he did, and he threw him and broke his leg between the ankle and knee, which proved to be a pretty bad break. This happened in the summer of 1881, before sister Mattie was born in September, and he lay in bed until she was old enough to walk. He was 78 years old then.

He could never walk without a crutch and cane, 'tho he frequently pushed a chair in front of him, going from his bed to his chair. He sat in a certain rocking chair in the house by the side of the fire-place, and he was the one that told you when to mend the fire, but he seldom let you punch it with the poker, and to this day that is something I have always wanted to do.

Grandfather was adverse to having his picture made, so the only picture he ever had made was made without his knowledge, and was made from a reflection in a cracked mirror, as the story goes. The finished picture, a tintype, proves this, as it is crackled all over. I have this picture, the only one in existence.

Most all of Grandfathers sons and daughters had large families, but two excelled them all in numbers. Aunt Melvina Morris & Uncle Jordan, had twenty-one children, and Uncle Tom Culpepper had twenty-one by two wives.

Uncle Jim Culpepper lived closer than any of the other relatives, and came to see Grandfather more often than any of the others, so I learned to love him very much, and to go home with him was one of the greatest joys of my life. Their home life was so sweet, and you never heard a cross word. Every one had certain chores to do and there never seemed to be any argument about who was to do this or that. For instance when a bale of cotton was sold, the money was brought and put in Aunt Maggie's lap, and she divided it out, so much for groceries, and so much to each of the sons who helped to plant and harvest it. The older girls milked the cows, made the butter, gathered the eggs and sold what wasn't needed at home and they too were given their part of this money. The youngest girl was Maggie, and she and I were great friends. The others were much older than I but I liked to be with them too, and at night at the supper table, after Aunt Maggie and Uncle Jim had gone back into the living room, we would sit around the table and talk for hours before we got up to wash the dishes. At Christmas time there was always a Christmas tree that reached from floor to ceiling, and there was a present for every one, no matter if they just happened in, Josephine would slip out, and come back with a gift. Christmas dinner was something to remember, and usually lasted until three or four o'clock, but so did the food. Always seemed to be plenty.

Going back to the time Grandfather first came to Texas, and had slaves, my mother said she was rocked to sleep by her "black Mammy Nellie" until her feet touched the floor, and she never saw the sun rise until she was 12 years old.

HISTORY
of the
FAMILY
OF

Nannie Gillespie Culpepper

And

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Dear Cousin,

I was very happy to receive your letter. I am glad to give you what information I have about our Culpepper family.

I am glad to hear about Mr. C. L. Culpepper. This is a long story but, about one year ago a lady in the office of our cousin, Woodrow Culpepper, Uncle Dan's son, began inquiring about Woodrow's Culpepper family. She was of some relation to Mr. C. L. Culpepper. Woodrow spent some time in Hopkins County with our relatives trying to get some family history. Someone referred him to me. We have talked by phone and by letter and have found the connection between our family and that of Mr. Culpepper.

I will try to explain the connection as best I can and hope you can figure it all out. The connection between the two families is in Grandpa Culpepper's grandparents, John William and Nancy Gillespie Culpepper who were married in Richland District, South Carolina. Their oldest son was Francis Gillespie Culpepper and he was the brother of our William Henry who was our grandpa, John's father.

Children of Nancy Gillespie and John William Culpepper:

Francis Gillespie Culpepper	(belongs to Mr. C. L. Culpepper)
Daniel Peak Culpepper	(
Joel Culpepper	(belongs to Mrs. Ira Deam, Gay, Georgia)
Lewis Peak Culpepper	
George Washington Culpepper	
(Thomas) Jefferson Culpepper	
William Henry Culpepper	(Father of our Grandpa, John Malcom)
Sarah Culpepper	
John Culpepper	
Elizabeth Culpepper	

I have been working on the line of Nancy Gillespie (for whom Grandmother Bradford was named.) Her mother was Elizabeth Peak/Peck, daughter of Daniel Peak. Elizabeth married ? Gillespie and I feel sure it was Francis Gillespie but haven't proven this yet. There is a Francis Gillespie from South Carolina who would have been about Elizabeth's age. Nancy could have named her oldest son for her father. Daniel Peak, Elizabeth's father left an estate in South Carolina and John Culpepper and John Slappy, both grand-son-in-laws were named executives. John Slappy married

Nancy's sister but I don't know her name. No children except Elisabeth was named so I am wondering if she were an only child which is very unusual for those days. Neither is a wife mentioned. Maybe I will find all this out one day. For \$2.00 a copy of the settlement can be obtained from the PROBATE JUDGE, A. Ray Hinnant, Richland County Court House, Columbia, South Carolina. My copy is not clear enough to make a photostat.

A lovely lady, Mrs. Ira Deam, in Gay, Georgia is also working on our line. For about 5 years we have been corresponding and there is some question in our minds that we came through the line of John Harlow Culpepper the "Carolina Rebel" as Mr. C. L. Culpepper states in his family history. Recently Mrs. Deam sent me a hand painted size 8" X 10" Culpepper family coat of arms. I was delighted to receive it.

All of our family is fine. We are all making plans to be in Sulphur Springs Sunday July 19th for our reunion. We are always delighted for any of you to attend. I know it is a long way for you to come but we would be so happy to see you.

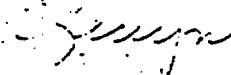
Aunt Argent wrote me about your sister and I made a note of it in the family tree book. Cousin Will Culpepper died this last January, his daughter, Irene, died last month. Cousin Tessie Culpepper's husband also passed away recently. Cousin Julia Culpepper Hux had recently celebrated her 89th birthday. I wrote her and ask to visit with her this next week and hear about the trip they made from Alabama to Arkansas and then to Texas. She was 8 years old when all of our Culpeppers left Alabama. My mother wrote me last week that Julia's funeral service was at Pine Forest last Sunday.

I am looking everywhere for a picture of Grandma Sarah Culpepper. Grandmother Bradford had a big picture of Grandpa and Grandma and Aunt Leona got it and her house burned. I have a picture of Grandpa and he is pictured with one of Uncle Billy's girls. If any of you happened to have a picture, I would be happy to pay to have it copied. I feel sure there is one somewhere but it may be lost or no one knows who is in the picture.

I will be very happy to work with Hugo any way that I can in tracing our family tree. With two of us working on it, we might accomplish great things. I would appreciate having the address of Mr. C. L. Culpepper so I may write him concerning his family research.

Hope I don't have you thoroughly confused with all I have tried to write. I will be looking forward to hearing from you and Hugo and your progress.

Sincerely,



Lavyn Sisco

CULPEPPER FAMILY HISTORY

John William Culpepper was born July 29, 1772, in Congaree Richland District, South Carolina. He had two brothers, Joseph and Benjamin. May 18, 1794, John William Culpepper took Miss Nancy Gillespie for his bride. Nancy was the daughter of Elizabeth Peak/Peek Gillespie and her father was Daniel Peek.

From Congaree, South Carolina the family moved to Edgefield, South Carolina, to Monroe, Crawford County Georgia. The 1820 Census shows John William Culpepper in Merriweather County, Georgia. In 1848 John and Nancy Culpepper were in Randolph County, Alabama where she died July 25, 1848 and John died in 1855.

Eight sons and two daughters were born to this union:

Name	Born	Married
Francis/Frank Culpepper		
John Culpepper		
Joel Culpepper		
Daniel Culpepper		
William Henry Culpepper	October 17, 1813	Sarah Leslie
Jefferson Culpepper		
Lewis Peek Culpepper		
George Washington Culpepper		Perline Perdue
Sarah Culpepper		
Elizabeth Culpepper		

William Henry Culpepper

William Henry Culpepper, son of John William and Nancy Gillespie Culpepper, was born October 17, 1813. March 27, 1831, he married Miss Sarah Leslie. She was born February 15, 1813. There were eleven children born to this union.

Name	Born	Married
Elias Daniel Culpepper	Jan 31, 1832-May 1914	Nancy Clegg
Mary Culpepper	March 17, 1833	
Francis M. Culpepper	March 1, 1834	
John Malcom Culpepper	Nov 13, 1835-Jan. 10, 1927	Sarah Stephens
Ann M. Culpepper	April 28, 1837	
William A. Culpepper	Oct. 10, 1839	
Em. Culpepper	1841	
L.W. Culpepper	June 27, 1842	
Sarah J. Culpepper	Jan. 17, 1844	Harrell/Harrellson
Mattie L. Culpepper	Sept. 12, 1846	John Wesley Perry
Ferrell C. Culpepper	Jan. 22, 1849	

After the death of Sarah Leslie Culpepper, William Culpepper married Catherine Alexander January 2, 1851. She was born November 5, 1816. After the death of Catherine, William married Mary F. Falkenborough, her death occurring in 1909.

John Malcom Culpepper X

John Malcom Culpepper was born in Merriweather County Georgia October 13, 1835. During his boyhood his parents moved to Randolph County, Alabama. Here John grew to manhood and married Miss Sarah Ann Elizabeth Stephens December 25, 1856. The ceremony being performed by Hiram Barron, Minister of the gospel.

In 1861, John and brothers, William and Elias, volunteered to serve with the confederates in the Civil War. John enlisted in Company B. 37th Infantry at Davidson in Tallapoosa County in April 1862, his captain was L. P. Hauclin. John Culpepper did not desert the service but was a faithful soldier throughout the war. Sometimes the soldiers rode horseback but most of their travel was by foot. When the soldiers were marching within a

short distance of their family, they were given opportunity to visit with them for only a short time.

Grandchildren of John recall the stories that he told of the war days. One of the battles in which he fought was the "Battle above the Clouds" on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Grandpa Culpepper often told of the tense moments around the campfire when the enemy was camped nearby. In the stillness of the evening the teasing yankees would yell to the hungry Confederates, "Come over, Johnny Reb and have a cup of coffeee!"

John M. Culpepper was captured in Vicksburg, Mississippi July 9, 1863. He was not discharged from the war until after General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House. He was there and witnessed this occasion. To John Culpepper, Robert E. Lee was a fine soldier and man.

When the war was over, John returned to his wife and children. These were hard times for the Southern People. In 1888, John Malcom Culpepper, a pioneer like his forefathers, migrated from Alabama to Grant County, Arkansas and in 1892 came to Hopkins County, Texas.

John M. Culpepper was affiliated with Saltillo Lodge #631 September 13, 1902. He petitioned the lodge for affiliation August 16, 1902. He entered Saltillo Lodge upon a demit but the records do not specify what lodge nor its location. Bro. Culpepper was 66 years of age at the time he became a member of the Saltillo Lodge. His place of birth was given as Crawford County, Georgia. He remained a member of this lodge

til his death, January 10, 1927 at Pine Forest. He was given a masonic funeral by this lodge and laid to rest in the Pine Forest Cemetery. Bro. W. D. Bryce acting as marshall in conducting the rites. He was known to his lodge friends as 'Uncle Johnnie' and wore a long flowing beard as long as one could remember.

Sarah Ann Elizabeth Stephens Culpepper was born October 22, 1839, and died July 21, 1906. Her place of birth, parents, brothers and sisters are unknown. Both Sarah and John were Members of the Methodist Church. These two are buried in the Pine Forest Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas where in 1970, six generations of their descendants are buried.

See back page for list of children.

CHILD	BORN	DIED	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN
William J.	Oct. 15, 1857	Aug. 13, 1929	Josephine East Feb. 16, 1876	Mack, William, Jim, Julia, Dee, Clara, Cary, Frank, Glad George, Earl, Car Nannie, Texxie
Reuben P.	July 15, 1861	July 16, 1861		
John Frank	Nov. 2, 1863	Dec. 5, 1906	Florence M. Johnson Sept. 3, 1885	Ernest, Alice, Jo Mable, Frankie, Hu
Leah Leslie	August 2, 1867		Dora Chitsey	Eddie, Emma, Matti Addie, Florence, Ernest, Cleo, Ma Woodrow, Olan
Robert H.	Luther Aug. 22, 1869	Feb. 10, 1919	Annie E. Forgy	Mattie, Henry, Lola Thomas, Guy, Euni Fred, Irma, John, M
Sarah A.R.	Aug. 22, 1871	Sept. 17, 1957	George Hill	Pearl, Georgia, Oli John
Nannie G.	Sept. 3, 1873	May 19, 1932	James Cope Bradford Oct. 16, 1890	John, Alice, Leona Ruth, Frankie, Arge Robbie, Guy, Aubre Mattie
Mattie Myra	Jan. 24, 1876	Dec. 25, 1958	Ed Minter	Bertha, Emma, Annie Wilber, Edwin
Capos Conley	April 6, 1879	April 11, 1959	Lou Anna Atchley	Lillian, Harry, Rul W. J. Oscar, Conley Jesse H.

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Roll of Prisoners of War

paroled at Vicksburg, Miss., according to the terms of capitulation entered into by the commanding General of the United States and Confederate forces July 4, 1863.

Roll dated Vicksburg, Miss., July 9, 1863.

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Where *at Vicksburg, Miss.*

When *July 9th*, 1863.

Remarks:

John M. Crutcher

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 9th

To ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, KNOW YE THAT:

I *John M. Crutcher* of Co. B Reg't 37
Vol. C. S. A., being a prisoner of War, in the hands of the United States Forces, in
the capitulation of the city of Vicksburg and its Garrison, by Lieut. Gen. John C.
Barton, C. S. A., Commanding, on the 4th day of July, 1863, do in pursuance of the
of said capitulation, give this my solemn parole under oath—
That I will not take up arms again against the United States, nor serve in any military,
auxiliary force in any Fort, Garrison or field work, held by the Confederate States
against the United States of America, nor as guard of any prisons, depots or
nor discharge any duties usually performed by Officers or soldiers against the United S
America, until duly exchanged by the proper authorities.

John M. Crutcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Vicksburg, Miss., this 9th day of July 1863.

John M. Crutcher Reg't *Indiana*
at Cal AND PAROLING OFFICER

J.M. Culpepper, b. Nov. 13, 1835
d. Jan. 10, 1927

Sarah E. Stephens (Culpepper), b. Oct. 22, 1839
d. July 21, 1906

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Ernest Culpepper, b. Aug. 31, 1886
d. Feb. 10, 1889

John H. Culpepper, b. Dec. 26, 1891 *HUGO - WANDA*

Infant daughter, born and died Aug. 10, 1894

Alice Culpepper (Poss), b. Jan. 4, 1888 *ALICE - DALE*

Mable Culpepper (Tidwell), b. March 24, 1897 *FRANK, VIRGINIA, Milton, Jack, Flossie, Jane, Edna*

Frankie Culpepper (Shadden), b. Apr. 18, 1903 - MAR 5, 1971 *AB - FAIR*

MY DAD AND MOTHER

John F. Culpepper, b. Nov. 2, 1863
d. Dec. 5, 1906

*John Joe
Michelle*

*Heath
Michael*

Florence M. Johnson Culpepper, b. Sept. 21, 1868
d. July 13, 1950

MY DADS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

W.J. Culpepper, b. Oct 15, 1857
d. Aug. 1929

Rubin F. Culpepper, b. July 15, 1861
d. ?

John F. Culpepper, b. Nov. 2, 1863
d. Dec. 5, 1906

Dan. E. Culpepper, b. Aug. 2, 1867
d. ?

St. L. Culpepper, b. April 24, 1869
d. Feb. 10, 1921

Sallie A. Culpepper, b. Aug. 22, 1871
d. ?

Nancy G. Culpepper, b. Sept. 3, 1873
d. ?

Mattie Culpepper, b. Jan 24, 1876

C.C. Culpepper, b. Apr. 5, 1879
d. Apr. 11, 1939

J.F. Culpepper, Nov. 2, 1853 - Ala. Culpepper, Nov. 2, 1853 - Ala.
Married Sept. 3, 1885

Florence M. Johnson, b. Sept. 24, 1868

J.M. Culpepper, b. Nov. 13, 1835 - Upton Co.
d. Jan. 10, 1927 - Ga.

Married Sarah Stevens Dec. 18, 1855
Sarah Stevens, b. Sept. 22, 1842

Gist of the Culpepper Family (continued)

⊕ Benjamine Culpepper - 8th son of Francis Gillespie Culpepper
Wife - Eglantine Langley

Benjamine Culpepper - January 2, 1836

I feel sure from records, he fought in Civil War in Arkansas; if so, he married Mary Virginia Tarver, born December 3, 1844. Their children:

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1. Martin Luther Culpepper - Born October 25, 1875
 2. Gennie Culpepper (Mead)
 3. John Marvin Culpepper
 4. J. F. Culpepper
 5. Ruth Culpepper (Wilson)
 6. Edna Culpepper (Wilson)

GENEALOGY OF MARTIN LUTHER CULPEPPER

Wife - Donnie Bell (Owen) Culpepper - Born September 1, 1878

Children born to this marriage:

1. Wendell Dwight Culpepper - Born December 28, ~~1900~~ 1899
2. James Morgan Culpepper - Born January 23, 1902
3. Lucy Virginia Culpepper - Born October 23, 1904
4. Martin Frank Culpepper - March 31, 1906
5. Martha Bell Culpepper - March 31, 1906

TWINS

These are my brothers and sisters which are living at this date (24 May 1977) except Lucy Virginia Culpepper (Deathrige) who passed away about 8 years 2 months ago.

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GENEALOGY OF JAMES MORGAN CULPEPPER - Born January 23, 1902

Wife - Fannie Virgie (Monk) Culpepper - Born June 6, 1903
Married April 17, 1923

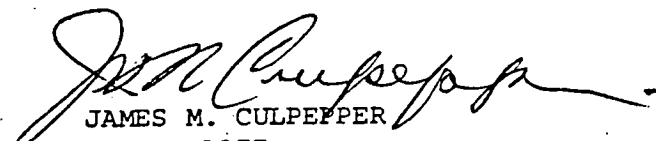
Children born to this marriage:

1. Mary Francis Culpepper - Born September 29, 1924
2. Colleen Culpepper - Born February 6, 1926
3. James Morgan Culpepper, Jr. - Born February 12, 1928
4. Luther Allen Culpepper - Born December 10, 1932
5. Dan Mack Culpepper - Born September 13, 1935
6. Robert Earl Culpepper - Born December 16, 1936
7. Martha Kay Culpepper - Born September 11, 1939
8. Linda Joan Culpepper - Born March 30, 1944
9. Joe Lee Culpepper - Born December 26, 1946

Joe Lee Culpepper lived about 3 hours. All other children are living on this date (24 May 1977).

Pages 1, 2 and 3 compiled by me of records available of the Culpepper family.

Being 75 years, 4 months, 1 day old.


JAMES M. CULPEPPER
24 May 1977

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Linda Tice
Ken Culpepper
George Jack
Colleen Stuckey
Kay Culpepper Rhodes
Esther Culpepper
Dora Culpepper
Paul Jones Rhodes
Jo Beth Outgarden
Martha Lee Culpepper Land
Wanda Nellie Wessels
Minnie Dawn Wessels
Mildred Wessels
Mike Wessels
Walt Rhodes
Bobby Culpepper
Mr. Culpepper Jr.
Mr. Culpepper Sr.
Allie Warring
Mary Culpepper
Susan Dowden
Dora Culpepper
May 3 1977

Stacy Bridges
Martin J. Culpepper
Debra Culpepper
Morgan Warring
Melanie Herring
Melba Ross
Vonda Phillips
Michelle Anderson
John W. Warring
Dale Ross
Linda Bridges
Marta Warring
Bill Rhodes
Mam Culpepper (Warring)

The
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REUNION
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